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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

FROM: R. E. Hineman  
Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: FBIS Strategic Plan

1. I commend you and all in FBIS who worked so hard to prepare and present the FBIS Strategic Plan. I gained valuable insight into strategic issues which will affect your business and future direction.

2. In particular, I found the discussion of the OSIX initiative very thought-provoking, as was the forthright dialogue regarding your current and future mission. I share your concern about the critical problem of recruiting and retaining linguists and ask you to ensure that our foreign language needs are included in the next offering of the college sponsorship program. As you refine the strategic planning process, I hope you can take a forward, positive, and ambitious view of your charter and your ability to meet future challenges and opportunities.

3. After this first strategic planning cycle has been completed in January, I will solicit your candid evaluation of the process and your comments on ways to improve it. In the meantime, I appreciate your cooperation and support in helping the Directorate strengthen its planning for the future.



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